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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

The Examiner is advised that the references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 have come to the attention of the Applicants and/or Applicants' attorney. Copies of these references are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently pending in this application clearly distinguish over each of the references cited both individually as well as in combination and favorable consideration and allowance thereof is courteously requested.

In the event a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed in the above-identified application prior to the Certificate of Mailing date set forth above, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 08-0750. A duplicate copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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